Presentation of the Erasmus+ call for proposals 2017

Focus: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree

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1. Basics
### International cooperation:

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<td><strong>EU Member States:</strong> Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom</td>
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<td><strong>Other Programme Countries:</strong> Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey</td>
<td>All other countries throughout the world</td>
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Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs)

- Integrated international Master programmes of excellent quality to attract the very best students worldwide
- No restriction in disciplines
- Developed and delivered by a consortium of HEIs from Programme Countries & Partner Countries (if relevant)
- Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS credits), optional preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum) – covered by one Grant Agreement
- Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme Countries (no virtual mobility)
- Full scholarships for students - 75% for students from Partner Countries
- Award of a joint or multiple Master degree

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Quality improvements, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs

Increase quality and attractiveness of the EHEA (e.g. Yerevan communiqué) – supporting EU External Action in the HE field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master students worldwide

Improve competences, skills, employability of Master graduates

Improve relevance for the labour market through an increased involvement of employers
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2. Budget
The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ 4 million €

**HEIs:** Contribution to the consortium management costs (incl. costs for invited scholars and guest lecturers)

- 50,000 € per student intake (= 150,000 € in total) + 20,000 € for optional preparatory year

**Students:** max 25,000 € per academic year and per scholarship

Actual amount varies according to:

* EMJMD's length of studies (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits)
* Student's country of residence
* EMJMD level of participation costs
## EMJMD students scholarships grants

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<td>Contribution to participation costs</td>
<td>up to 9,000 € per year</td>
<td>up to 4,500 € per year</td>
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<td>Contribution to travel costs*</td>
<td>2,000 € per year if residence is less than 4,000 km from EMJMD coordinator</td>
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<td>3,000 € per year if residence is 4,000 km or more from EMJMD coordinator</td>
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<td>Contribution to installation costs*</td>
<td>1,000 €</td>
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<td>Living allowance (max 24 months)</td>
<td>1,000 € per month (not when in country of residence, and max 3 months in any Partner Country)</td>
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* Scholarship amounts for travel/installation depend on the place of residence at the time of scholarship application
EMJMD Additional scholarships for 8 targeted regions

✓ Applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions/countries of the world (12 geographical windows)

African, Caribbean, Pacific countries (ACP), Asia, Central Asia, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern neighbouring countries, Gulf countries

✓ Financed through the EU external funding instruments

✓ For Asia, Central Asia and Latin America regions specific priorities apply!
EMJMD Specific priorities for three regions

✓ **Asia (Region 6):**
  - 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Least Developed Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal)
  - no additional scholarships for students from China and India

✓ **Central Asia (Region 7):**
  - 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Low or Lower Middle Income Countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)

✓ **Latin America (Region 8):**
  - 25% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Lower Middle Income Countries (Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay)
  - 35% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Brazil and Mexico together
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3. Statistics
Erasmus+ selection results 2016

EMJMDs by academic discipline

- LS = Life Sciences
- HU = Humanities
- HS = Hard Sciences

Eligible applications: 89
- LS 16 (~18%)
- HU 29 (~32.6%)
- HS 44 (~49.4%)

Selected Projects: 27
- LS 5 (~18.6%)
- HU 11 (~40.7%)
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Erasmus+ EMJMD 2016 - Statistics on applications
Participation of Programme Country institutions (Coordinators & Partners)
Selected EMJMDs 2016: Programme Country Institutions

![Bar chart showing the number of applicant organisations, partner organisations, and PA-ASCs for different countries.]

- **AT**: 1 applicant, 10 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **BE**: 1 applicant, 3 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **CZ**: 4 applicant, 6 partner, 3 PA-ASCs
- **DE**: 33 applicant, 3 partner, 9 PA-ASCs
- **DK**: 11 applicant, 2 partner, 2 PA-ASCs
- **EE**: 2 applicant, 3 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **EL**: 9 applicant, 7 partner, 8 PA-ASCs
- **ES**: 33 applicant, 18 partner, 11 PA-ASCs
- **FI**: 11 applicant, 5 partner, 8 PA-ASCs
- **FR**: 35 applicant, 16 partner, 9 PA-ASCs
- **HU**: 2 applicant, 7 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **IE**: 8 applicant, 5 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **IT**: 16 applicant, 10 partner, 6 PA-ASCs
- **LT**: 1 applicant, 1 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **LV**: 11 applicant, 6 partner, 5 PA-ASCs
- **NL**: 6 applicant, 4 partner, 6 PA-ASCs
- **NO**: 10 applicant, 6 partner, 6 PA-ASCs
- **PL**: 4 applicant, 1 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **PT**: 2 applicant, 2 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **RO**: 11 applicant, 8 partner, 3 PA-ASCs
- **SE**: 2 applicant, 4 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **SI**: 2 applicant, 2 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **SK**: 2 applicant, 2 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **TR**: 2 applicant, 3 partner, 1 PA-ASC
- **UK**: 16 applicant, 6 partner, 3 PA-ASCs
Selected EMJMDs 2016: Partner Country Institutions

N° partner organisations  NR of PA-ASC
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4. How to write a competitive proposal?
Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2017

- **Deadline:** 16 February 2017 – 12:00 CET
- **Budget:** ～90 M€ + ～22.7 M€ for "targeted regions"
- **Nr. of projects:** ≈ 35 EMJMDs
- **Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:**
  - ~20 (around 60 per Grant Agreement)
  - *plus*
    - ~8 (around 24 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- **Award decision:** by July 2017
Applicant must be HEI established in Programme Country. The HEI applies on behalf of the EMJMD consortium.

EMJMDs are open to public or private organisations in Programme or Partner Countries

- HEIs
- Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)

Minimum EMJMD consortium composition: 3 HEIs as partners (including the coordinator) from at least 3 different Programme Countries
Participating Organisations (2)

- **HEIs** established in a *Programme Country*:
  - Accreditation at national level of each degree-awarding Master programme on the basis of which the EMJMD programme is composed – *required at application stage*

- **Cooperation with HEIs** widespread across EHEA & and other eligible organisations from Partner Countries
  - Benefits: specific expertise, visibility to students and employers, promotion, etc.

- **Associated partners** (optional): specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, internships, etc.
Common requirements for all Erasmus+ International dimension – Centralised Actions

- Submission on-line to EACEA
- eForm & Attachments
  


- Four types of assessment criteria
  - Eligibility Criteria
  - Exclusion Criteria
  - Selection Criteria
  - Award Criteria
DO's

• **Convincing evidence** for "jointness" and course integration
• **Thoroughly assessed results** of needs analysis at different levels
• **Innovation and excellence** for HEIs and attractiveness of EHEA
• **Concrete benefits** for each targeted group (students, academic staff, etc.)

DON'Ts

• **Dominance** of coordinating institution instead of a common and integrated approach
• **Imprecise** targets for the degree award and lack of joint strategy
• **Inaccurate** needs analysis methodology resulting in irrelevant conclusions
• **Weak integration** of internationalisation strategies at the cost of stakeholders
Award criterion 2: Quality of project design and implementation (20 points)

**DO's**
- Effective **strategy and tools** for monitoring and ensuring excellence
- Academically relevant design and **rationale** of mobility paths with **concrete learning outcomes**
- Proactive consortium support responding to students and staff needs
- **Interaction** with world of work integrated in the course

**DON'Ts**
- Absence of an established **mechanism** to appropriately react to evaluation findings
- Unfeasible, unbalanced and **ineffective** mobility schemes
- Underestimation of the administrative **workload** to the detriment of the course
- Negligence of **student integration** in socio-cultural and professional context
Award criterion 3: Quality of project team and cooperation arrangements (20 points)

DO's

- **Synergies** resulting from the *complementarity* of the partners
- **Inclusive** and *transparent* cooperation mechanisms, based as well on *mutual trust*
- **Academic jointness** as *central theme* during course implementation
- **Realistic** and *transparent* financial plan

DON'Ts

- **Unclear motivation** of partners to join the project
- **Failure** to ensure *institutional backing* of the partners
- **Lack of attention** to the variety of national *legal frameworks*
- Avoid too *rigid cooperation arrangements* not allowing for necessary adaptations
- **Imprecise** financial management provisions of the consortium
DO's

- **Concrete indicators** and **tools** for measuring the impact on all stakeholders
- **Tailored** promotion/dissemination approach to different audiences
- **Integration** of **labour-market elements** to promote employability and support sustainability
- Provisions for **wide access** to course materials

DON'Ts

- Lack of definition and promotion of the programme's **distinctive selling points** demonstrating its competitiveness
- No **networking activities** to ensure wide programme **visibility** and **recognition** by academia, students and future employers
- **Sustainability strategy** not adequately considered and not integrated in **all project stages**
Awards criterion 5: Additional scholarships for targeted regions

DO's
- Mutual benefits through the cooperation with the specific regions/countries
- Concrete contribution to meet the challenges in the HE systems of these countries
- Support for a strong and educated human capital
- Effects of the cooperation on economic and social development

DON'Ts
- Imprecise plan and objectives for building up cooperation with the regions/countries
- Limitation of collaboration to the level of student exchange
- Unclear methodology and inappropriate approach to reach excellent students

Only if additional scholarships requested

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A successful proposal...

- demonstrates that the combination of all its elements will produce **concrete and sustainable results** for the **benefit of all the parties concerned**
- has been prepared and agreed jointly by **all consortium partners**
- involves **representatives from the world of work** and bridges the **needs of academia and the labour market**
- has received the full **institutional commitment and support** of all consortium partners
- is **ready to start** immediately after the selection decision
Information sources (1)

- Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2017, application procedure, etc.)
  - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

- Practical details on "How to prepare a competitive EMJMD proposal"

- EMJMD consortia selected in 2014, 2015 and 2016
Information sources (2)

✓ Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"

✓ Reference guide for practitioners: "Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)"
  ➢ https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz

✓ Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes

✓ Erasmus+ e-tutorial on how to prepare a competitive proposal
Information sources (3)

✓ "Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus" (free of charge e-brochure)

✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for individuals "Come to study or teach in Europe" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese

✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for institutions "Work together with European higher education institutions" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese
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